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HEREWITH NOMINATION DATA PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATHEALIRA T. SEEISO:

1. JUSTIFICATION

A. PROJECT'S PURPOSE: GENERAL OBJECTIVE GIVE GRANTEE BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF USA. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE ACQUAINT HIM WITH CONCEPTS, INSTITUTIONS, PERSONS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OBSERVE THOSE THINGS WHICH BEAR ON HIS POSITION AS TRADITIONAL LEADER SEEKING TO UPLIFT PEOPLE ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY.

B. REASON FOR NOMINATION: GRANTEE IS KING'S BROTHER AND PROMINENT TRADITIONAL LEADER IN HIS OWN RIGHT WITH CAPABILITY TO INFLUENCE LESOTHO'S DEVELOPMENT.

2. PROPOSED TERM OF GRANT

A. CATEGORY OF GRANT: OBSERVATION CONSULTATION, INDIVIDUAL (CODE 210).

B. SUBSTANTIVE FIELD OF INTEREST: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION (PRIMARY INTEREST), ESPECIALLY COUNTRY AND RURAL AREAS AND OBSERVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COUNTRY AND RURAL GOVERNMENT ON ONE HAND AND LOCAL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY FARMERS, ON OTHER,
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AND BETWEEN COUNTRY AND RURAL GOVERNMENT AND CITY AND STATE GOVERNMENT. ALSO LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND EXECUTION OF LAWS ON LOCAL LEVEL.

AGRICULTURE (SECONDARY INTEREST) ESPECIALLY LIVESTOCK FARMING AND PASTURE AND RANGE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.

C. GRANT BENEFITS: FULL GRANT 45 DAYS.

3. BIOGRAPHIC DATA

- (1) NAME: MATHEALIRA THOMAS SEEISO
- (2) SEX: MALE
- (3) DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 27 JUN 2013], LESOTHO
- (4) NATIONALITY: LESOTHO
- (5) ADDRESS: THABANG, P. O. MOKHOTLONG, LESOTHO.
- (6) ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

CHRIST THE KING HIGH SCHOOL (1961-65), AFRO- ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATIVES AND LABOR STUDIES - DIPLOMA (ONE- YEAR COURSE) ISRAEL, 1966-67; SEVERAL SHORT COURSES IN ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND.

- (7) PRESENT POSITION: MOKHOTLONG DISTRICT, MEMBER OF INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, CHAIRMAN OF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF CHIEFS.
- (8) SIGNIFICANT PAST POSITION: SENATOR, MEMBER OF COLLEGE OF CHIEFS.
- (9) HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS: -
- (10) PUBLICATIONS: -
- (11) TRAVEL ABROAD: ISRAEL, UNITED KINGDOM, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.
- (12) KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: FLUENT.
- (13) OTHER LANGUAGES SPOKEN: SESOTHO.
- (14) MARITAL STATUS AND CHILDREN: MARRIED WITH CHILDREN.
- (15) SPECIAL INTEREST: PUBLIC AFFAIRS, FARMING, GYMNASTICS, BOXING, TENNIS, SOCCER, MUSIC AND THEATRICAL ARTS AND HISTORY.
- (16) EMERGENCY ADDRESS: THE ROYAL PALACE, MASERU, LESOTHO.
- (17) OTHER PERSONAL DATA: BROTHER TO HIS MAJESTY KING MOSHOEOE II.

4. VISA ELIGIBILITY: ELIGIBLE

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5. PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: ETA FIRST WEEK IN JULY.

6. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

ESCORT REQUESTED. SHOULD MEET OFFICIALS OF AFRICAN BUREAU, STATE DEPT. FOCUS VISIT SHOULD BE BUT NOT LIMITED TO AREAS

SOMEWHAT SIMILAR PHYSICAL CONDITIONS IN LESOTHO E G ARIZONA,
NEW MEXICO, UTAH, WYOMING, IDAHO OR COLORADO. SHOULD OBSERVE
STATE, CITY, COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (EMPHASIS ON RURAL
AFFAIRS) IN ONE STATE TO SEE INTER- RELATIONSHIP. SHOULD SEE A
STATE LEGISLATIVE AND A VILLAGE COUNCIL IN ACTION, PERHAPS A
LOCAL JUSTICE PEACE' S " COURT" SESSION. VISIT INDIAN RESER-
VATION, OBSERVE LIVESTOCK FARMING, RELATED CONSERVATION ACTI-
VITIES, RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. GRANTEE SHOULD GET OVER-
VIEW DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING BLACK AMERICA.
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